



KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

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In February we begin one of our biggest events - Lenten Fish Frys. Come and see all the other activities we have on our schedule.

Monday, February 19th.

The meeting starts at 7:00 PM.
(Rosary at 6:30 PM in the Cry room).



Brother Knights,

The first Fish Fry is Friday February 16th and will be every Friday up to March 22nd. This is the Council's largest fund raiser. Please volunteer to help, attend the Fish Fry and tell your friends about the Fish Fry's.

Vivat Jesus!
Tom Westerman
Grand Knight

MEMBERSHIP

TOTAL: 347 ACTIVE MEMBERS

Recognition

Key Dates

February

- 2/6 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 2/10 – Fire Retreat
- 2/11 – Sunday Donuts
- 2/16 – Fish Fry
- 2/19– Membership Meeting
- 2/18 – Sunday Donuts
- 2/23 – Fish Fry

March

- 3/5 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 3/8 – Fish Fry
- 3/9 – Street Cleanup
- 3/10 – Sunday Donuts
- 3/15 – Fish Fry
- 3/17 – Sunday Donuts
- 3/18 – Membership Meeting
- 3/22– Fish Fry

April

- 4/2 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 4/? – Habitat For Humanity
- 4/14 – Sunday Donuts
- 4/21 – Sunday Donuts
- 4/22 – Membership Meeting

Special Tribute to Pete Negrete

Tribute to Pete Negrete – Pete and Lucia Negrete moved to Olathe around 1996 and joined Prince of Peace parish. Pete became a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7909. Eventually Pete became Grand Knight. Lucia was a founder and leader of the St. Anthony's group. Lucia contributed to the St. Anthony's group for many years. As a Knight, Pete urged the Knights to serve pan fried tacos at the Old Settlers Day Fundraiser. From the beginning Pete prepared the taco meat and Lucia made salsa for the tacos served at the Old Settlers Day Fundraiser. Eventually breakfast burritos were added to the menu and Pete prepared the meat and eggs for the burritos. Pete was also involved with many other activities with the Knights throughout the years including picking up and delivering supplies for the Fish Fry's. Pete announced, this year will be his last year for preparing the meat for the tacos and burritos for the Old Settlers Day Fundraiser. Thanks to Pete, Lucia and your family for all of the work you did with the Knights and the Old Settlers Day Fundraiser over the years.



Recognition

January

Knight of The Month

Rob Ragusin

Family of The Month

David & Denise Mulhall



***Grand Knight Tom Westerman
presents Alfredo Diaz with his
certificate for Knight of The
Month - November 2023.***

**WELL
DONE!**

**THE FOLLOWING NOTE WAS SENT TO THE
COUNCIL FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.**

*Thank you so much for your support of Habitat for Humanity of Kansas
City. Because of you, 838 individuals and children have received the
services they need to build a strong future.*

Activity Updates

Christmas Party

On January 13th, the council celebrated our annual Christmas Party. Approximately 71 members and their wives & guests attended.



John Williams was honored as the Past Grand Knight.



Oscar Horn was honored as the Knight of The Year.



Catholic Facts

The Fathers of the Church are so called because of their leadership in the early Church, especially in defending, expounding, and developing Catholic doctrines. For the first two centuries, most of these men were bishops, although in later years certain priests and deacons were also recognized as Fathers.

The list includes such notables as: Clement of Rome (d. A.D. 97), Ignatius (d. 110), Polycarp (d. 155), Justin Martyr (the Church's first major lay apologist; d. 165), Irenaeus (d. 202), Cyprian (d. 258), Athanasius (d. 373), Basil (d. 379), Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), Ambrose (d. 397), John Chrysostom (d. 407), Jerome (d. 420), Augustine (d. 430), Cyril of Alexandria (d. 444), Pope Leo the Great (d. 461), and Pope Gregory the Great (d. 604). *

Spiritual Quotes

WE WILL NEVER
CHANGE THE WORLD
BY GOING TO CHURCH.
WE WILL ONLY
CHANGE THE WORLD
BY BEING THE CHURCH.

*www.CatholicAnswers.com

Activity Updates

Homeless Uplift



Tom Westerman
Rob Ragusin
Travis Goff
Alex Goff
Tom McGranaghan
Deacon Mike
Denning

On January 12th, this crew spent the night helping the Uplift organization assist the homeless.

Cub Scout Breakfast



Also On January 12th, John Guerdan, Tom Keegan, Oscar Horn and Trevor Benefield helped the cub scouts with their parish breakfast.



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Activity Updates

Exemplification

On January 27th, the council held a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification.

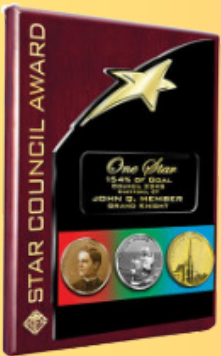
We had one new member go through the Exemplification (1/2/3) Degree.

- Brian Matlage (he was accompanied by his wife).



Star Council Efforts

Membership Director: Alfredo Diaz



Brother Knights – Our Council #7909 is growing and we have the momentum to be eligible for the KofC Star Council Award. We have recruited 14 out of the minimum 15 new members for the Father McGivney Membership Award.

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming. In order to achieve the Star Council Award, a council must earn the Father McGivney, Founders', and Columbian Awards.

FATHER MCGIVNEY AWARD -This award recognizes excellence in council's membership growth when the quota is 6% increase or maximum of fifteen new members.

FOUNDERS' AWARD – This award recognizes excellence in the promotion of our insurance and fraternal benefits. All councils must host / promote at least two Fraternal Benefit Events during the fraternal year with sum total attendance minimum of 14 members.

COLUMBIAN AWARD This award recognizes excellence in your council's programming and charitable outreach. To earn this award the council must conduct and report programs in each of the four program categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) for a total of 16 program credits, with four in each category.

Upcoming Activities & Events

On February 10th, the council will be providing lunch for this year's Fire Retreat. We can always use another helping hand.



F.I.R.E. MINISTRIES



February 16th is the start of our Lenten Fish Frys. This is another All Hands On Deck event. Please consider signing up to help.
(You can sign up on our website.)



Our next Street Cleanup will be on March 9th. Come out and help us.

4th Degree News St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly 2260

The Next business meeting will be at Prince of Peace.

Monday February 12th, at 7:05 PM.



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US News



DeSantis speaks with EWTN about power of prayer, family as 'centerpiece' of American life

Jan 9, 2024 — By Kate Quiñones

In the first installment of the interview that aired Tuesday on "EWTN News Nightly," Gov. Ron DeSantis said his faith... [Read more](#)



New online database tracks attacks against Christians in real time

Jan 9, 2024 — By Peter Pinedo

The "Violent Incidents Database," launched by Global Christian Relief on Jan. 5, tracks attacks on Christians and people of faith... [Read more](#)



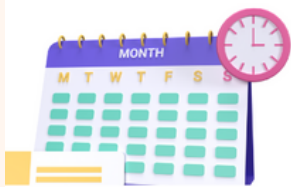
Meet Peter Sonski, the Catholic you've never heard of who's running for president

Jan 9, 2024 — By Jonah McKeown

Peter Sonski is the 2024 presidential nominee for the American Solidarity Party (ASP), a young, small, but growing pro-life political... [Read more](#)

Happy February Birthdays

| Name | Day |
|---------------------|-----|
| Jacob Steger | 1 |
| Chad Bowles | 2 |
| Orville Finnigan | 2 |
| William Fomban | 2 |
| Mark Reichuber | 2 |
| Gary Linton | 3 |
| Michael Crevoiserat | 4 |
| Larry Drbal | 5 |
| John Conner | 6 |
| Mark Schuetz | 6 |
| Lawrence Sieve | 6 |
| Richard Eberhardt | 7 |
| Roger Hansen | 7 |
| Bradley Killeen | 7 |
| Jim Milazzo | 7 |
| Beau Barnthson | 8 |
| Justin Reuter | 9 |
| Carl Villagomez | 10 |
| Andy Wurtenberger | 12 |
| Frederick Kupfer | 13 |
| Charles Cecil | 14 |
| Jon Hjelmaas | 14 |
| Marcel Montreuil | 16 |
| Jared Thomason | 19 |
| John Goodack | 20 |
| Paul Matlack | 20 |
| Kevin Rottinghaus | 21 |
| Bryan Caudillo | 23 |
| Clarence Cheshire | 23 |
| Andrew Heim | 24 |
| Al Berding | 25 |
| Ronald Orscheln | 25 |
| Philip Kaminski | 27 |
| Aaron Lupo | 29 |



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|-----------|----------|---|----------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6  Officers Meeting | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11  Sunday Donuts | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16  Fish Fry | 17 |
| 18  Sunday Donuts | 19  Membership Meeting | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23  Fish Fry | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | |

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